Statements of expenditure authorised by Government

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Under rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place two statements of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	Head of account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	19—Education	2,112	In connection with the A. R. P. subsidiary scheme for Maharaja's College buildings, a sum of Rs. 2,112 had to be adjusted by the Education Department to Public Works—Contribution Works so as to enable the Public Works Department to execute the works urgently. The allotment required for the purpose was therefore sanctioned urgently.

Serial No.	Head of account	Amount Rs.	Remarks
1	State— 17. (1) Central Jail— Diet of prisoners	6,600	Owing to the increase in the number of prisoners and the increased cost of dietary articles the allotment had to be sanctioned urgently
2	Cranganur— 21. Miscellaneous— (b) Miscellaneous	3,000	For payment of contribution to the "H.M.I.S. Cochin" an additional allotment had to be sanctioned urgently

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

(1) Rs. 1,400 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Contingencies—Audit fees"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,400 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Contingencies—Audit fees". The audit of co-operative societies with a working capital of Rs. 50,000 and above is being done by professional auditors appointed by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies whenever his staff cannot do this work. The auditors so appointed will be paid remuneration on a scale fixed by the Registrar. The audit fees realised from these societies will be credited to the receipt side and will not, therefore, be available for payment to the auditors. Necessary provision has, therefore, to be made in the expenditure side. Since there is no allotment for this in the current year's budget, an additional grant of Rs. 1,400 is necessary under the head "4—Co-operative Societies—Contingencies—Audit fees." Savings are not available for re-appropriation within budget grants. It may also be noted that the allotment applied for is equal to the amount the Government expect as receipts. I request that the allotment applied for may be kindly granted.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* On a point of information. May I know as to why the auditors could not be paid money straight from the societies instead of the Government paying the same.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I will look into the matter. The existing order is like this.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* It is not a matter for looking into. I want to know whether there is any difficulty for the Societies themselves paying the auditors' fees, instead of the Government acting as a sort of middleman.

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